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# Cooperative measures to assess and increase awareness of environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea

*The General Assembly,*

*Recalling* the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,[1] held in Stockholm in June 1972,

*Noting* relevant provisions of Agenda 21,[2] adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 1992 and reaffirmed in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[3] adopted in Johannesburg, South Africa, in September 2002,

*Recalling* relevant international and regional instruments such as the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,[4] the Convention on the Prevention of Marine Pollution by Dumping of Wastes and Other Matter,[5] the Convention for the

[1] See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, 5-16 June 1972* (A/CONF.48/14/Rev.1).

[2] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

[3] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[4] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.

[5] Ibid., vol. 1046, No. 15749.



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Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic,[6] the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea,[7] the Cartagena Convention for the Protection and Development of the Marine Environment of the Wider Caribbean Region[8] and the Lima Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment and Coastal Area of the South-East Pacific,[9]

*Taking note* of the final report of the ad hoc Working Group on Dumped Chemical Munitions to the sixteenth meeting of the Helsinki Commission, and noting that the Helsinki Commission, at its ministerial meeting held in Moscow from 18 to 20 May 2010, agreed to establish the Helsinki Commission Expert Group to update and review the existing information on dumped chemical munitions in the Baltic Sea,

*Noting* that Member States, international and regional organizations and civil society have undertaken activities to discuss the issues related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea and to promote international cooperation and exchange of experience and practical knowledge,

*Noting also* the concerns about the potential long-term environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea, including their potential impact on human health,

1. *Notes* the importance of raising awareness of the environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea;

2. *Invites* Member States and international and regional organizations to keep under observation the issue of the environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea, to cooperate and voluntarily share relevant information on this issue;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States and relevant regional and international organizations on issues related to the environmental effects of waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea, as well as on possible modalities for international cooperation to assess and increase awareness on this issue and to circulate such views to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session for further consideration.

[6] *Official Journal of the European Communities*, L 104.
[7] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2099, No. 36495.
[8] Ibid., vol. 1506, No. 25974.
[9] Ibid., vol. 1648, No. 28325.